

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

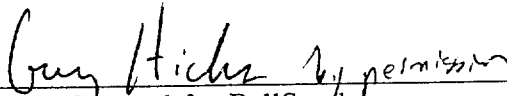
IN RE: PETITION FOR ARBITRATION)
OF AN INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELL SOUTH)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND) DOCKET NO. 00-00053
US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC.)
PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(B) OF)
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT)
OF 1996)

ORDER

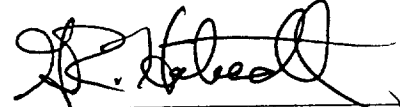
As evidenced by their signatures below, the parties to the above captioned proceeding have jointly requested a second, thirty (30) day suspension of the procedural schedule for the purpose of attempting to arrive at a complete settlement of all outstanding issues.

For good cause shown, the motion is granted, effective January 8, 2001.

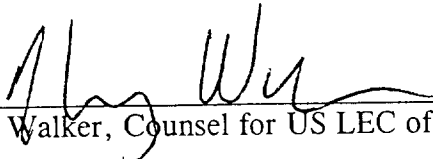
Dated January 5, 2001.




Guy Hicks, Counsel for BellSouth



Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer



Henry Walker, Counsel for US LEC of Tennessee, Inc.

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell